



# Memorial Day

## A salute to sacrifice



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## THE FLAG THEY FOUGHT FOR



Donavan Byas prepares to hand out flags to other fire recruits who were working Friday to place about 4,000 of them on the grounds of the National Veterans Memorial & Museum. Twenty recruits and staff members of Columbus fire recruit class 110 did the work as part of their participation in community events that’s included in training to become firefighters. [ERIC ALBRECHT/DISPATCH]

## Facing ‘Lost Summer,’ folks seek new way forward

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Find a comfy chair in a quiet spot, rest your head against a soft cushion, let your eyes drift shut, and summon all those memories of summers past.

The scenes flash through your mind like home movies — some color, a few black and white, some crawling at a snail’s pace and others racing like a bullet train. All precious.

Can you feel it? That moment you cannonball into the pool on the first day it opens and the chlorine burns your eyes and the impact stings your skin.

Can you smell it? That distinctive mix of sweat and bug spray and sunscreen hanging on the humid air as you snake your way through the hundreds of thousands of people jammed into the Downtown streets for Red, White & Boom, all the while trying not to lose one of your kids in the crowd.

Can you taste it all? The deviled eggs with just a touch too much vinegar



The pool at Dodge Park is empty as America faces would could be called our “Lost Summer.” [ERIC ALBRECHT/DISPATCH]

that Grandma has brought to every annual family reunion since the dawn of time, the deep-fried Snickers that your doctor warned you not to eat from the Ohio State Fair, the margarita you

would have had at your upcoming high school reunion.  
Would have had.

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## Pandemic amplifies problems at homes

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A population that is highly susceptible to COVID-19, a lack of availability of personal protective equipment, a slow response to provide testing and the presence of asymptomatic carriers are all primary factors in why nursing homes have been ravaged by the deadly virus.

But some patient advocates and others critical of the nursing home industry’s response to the pandemic say the level of staffing, problems with infection control and the buildings themselves all preceded the coronavirus’ devastating effect on residents and the industry.

“This is an unprecedented challenge for us across society in every single facet of our lives, including those for nursing home residents and

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## DeWine decries partisan divide over masks

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Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine lamented Sunday how wearing a mask to protect others from the coronavirus has become such a politically divisive issue.

“This is not about politics, this is not about whether you are a liberal or conservative, left or right, Republican (or) Democrat,” DeWine told “Meet the Press” host Chuck Todd on Sunday.

“It has been very clear about what the studies have shown: You wear the mask not to protect yourself so much as to protect others. This is one time in which we truly are all in this together. What we do directly impacts others.”

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